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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1956 -

Males - 348,967

Females - 328,422

Persons - 677,389

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1956 -

Persons - 369,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Marriages - Number	401	446	3,775	3,778
* Rate per 1000 of Population	7.19	8.18	7.46	7.69
Births - Number	1,319	1,453	12,865	12,584
* Rate per 1000 of Population	23.65	26.66	25.42	25.62
Deaths - Number	514	459	4,270	4,031
* Rate per 1000 of Population	9.21	8.42	8.44	8.21
Infant - Number	35	35	299	280
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	26.54	24.09	23.24	22.25
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	8	4	35	24
Malignant neoplasms	86	68	610	551
Diabetes mellitus	6	5	48	46
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	1	10	13
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	37	62	520	475
Diseases of the heart	176	142	1,327	1,279
Hypertension with heart disease	16	8	110	115
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	10	3	54	48
Arteriosclerosis	20	11	123	112
Influenza	3	1	10	10
Pneumonia	30	15	178	147
Bronchitis	7	6	44	36
Other respiratory disease	10	5	58	43
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	27	21
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	1	11	17
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	5	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	-	1	17	15
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	8	59	53
Disease of the prostate	1	3	44	40
Maternal causes	1	-	6	9
Disease of early infancy	17	24	172	159
Motor vehicle accidents	13	16	137	153
Other accidents	13	15	175	170
Suicide	7	9	70	59
All other causes	42	45	420	428
Total:	514	459	4,270	4,031

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1956, totalled 629,651 acres, an increase of 57,491 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,633,291 acres, a decrease of 3,080,372.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,332,723	3,598,049	16,484,810	14,350,346
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 7. 2	5. 8. 2	24. 4. 10	21. 13. 3
Expenditure	4,604,962	4,371,575	18,567,170	16,665,981
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 15. 2	6. 11. 5	27. 6. 1	25. 3. 2

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of October, 1956, amounted to £60,993,000 or £89.8.8 per head of population as against £54,914,000 or £82.8.4 per head at the end of October, 1955.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for five weeks ended 31st October, 1956, amounted to £15,472,392 compared with £13,655,921 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
Transfers	No.	1,637	1,522	5,892	7,008
	£.	2,040,214	1,954,013	8,120,016	9,300,074
Mortgages	No.	1,072	1,042	4,140	4,609
	£.	1,859,456	2,075,169	7,581,790	9,338,086
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	813	774	3,261	3,417

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
October, 1956	3,905,908	2,847,488	10,906,733	577,260
October, 1955	3,362,835	3,836,467	8,826,507	406,654
Four Months ended October, 1956	13,182,840	8,677,068	38,059,654	1,869,735
Four Months ended October, 1955	14,217,188	10,368,266	36,547,953	1,794,018

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10. The tenth of the two months ended 31st March 1954, the balance of 57,191 arose on the 1st April 1954, and the balance of 57,191 arose on the 1st April 1954.

COMPANIES REGISTERED

70 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,248,000 and 34 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1956. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,549,000 and 36 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1956			1955		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	37	97,982	117,817	26	48,875	20,724
Deeds of Assignment (a)	31	104,843	131,421	21	113,584	117,953
Deeds of Arrangements	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,209,200	1,054,100	3,808,800	3,158,500
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,390,892	1,258,382	3,872,914	3,670,321
Train Miles Run No.	753,865	679,896	2,305,327	2,057,231
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 121,891	(b) 131,055	(c) 306,765	(c) 342,819
<u>Passenger Journeys --</u>				
Train No.	1,401,275	1,240,517	3,366,800	3,033,064
Motor Bus No.	27,237	29,321	77,417	81,985
<u>Tonnage Carried --</u>				
Paying Goods	342,783	258,902	1,134,118	835,531
Livestock	18,207	15,445	39,919	37,111
Departmental (Free Freight)	55,078	69,400	175,369	217,678
Total:	416,068	343,747	1,349,406	1,090,320
<u>Net Ton Mileage of --</u>				
Paying Goods	55,995,883	43,205,143	186,324,009	141,808,417
Livestock	2,462,917	2,061,977	5,677,228	5,265,567
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,010,477	7,263,859	21,531,552	23,900,420
Total:	64,469,277	52,530,979	213,532,789	170,974,404

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 15th September.

(c) Period ended 15th September.

* Figures liable to revision.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Report of the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry
on the results of the investigation of the
epiphytic fungus, *Phytophthora* sp.,
which causes the "dieback" of the
cottonwood, *Populus deltoides*, in
the State of California.

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
1956 -								
January	419	167	-	63	742	390	4	94
February	544	186	3	76	903	449	18	107
March	567	165	1	86	939	419	5	123
April	356	129	1	68	583	340	10	94
May	395	173	2	47	649	434	6	63
June	274	137	2	29	491	311	5	49
July	364	173	1	39	637	376	3	63
August	546	203	1	49	933	422	8	75
September	459	128	4	43	804	329	11	79

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
1955 -								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,133	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
1956 -								
January	59,949	23,869	562	9,374	94,382	61,386	1,063	13,310
February	60,256	23,908	564	9,371	95,852	62,733	1,171	13,660
March	60,621	23,895	565	9,345	96,908	63,432	1,181	13,857
April	61,206	24,070	566	9,365	96,838	62,854	1,180	13,602
May	61,421	24,191	568	9,382	97,995	64,011	1,188	13,877
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
July	62,938	24,520	572	9,274	98,171(b)	62,638(b)	1,189(b)	13,255(b)
August	63,270	24,555	572	9,170	98,923(b)	62,914(b)	1,196(b)	13,177(b)
September	63,514	24,585	569	9,164	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Estimate.

(c) Not yet available.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,142	4,764	10,620	12,119	9,991	4,652	26,617	13,056
Interstate	8,422	8,849	21,716	21,996	4,979	6,307	10,483	12,340
Total:	11,564	13,613	32,336	34,115	14,970	10,959	37,100	25,396

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956 -										
March Qr.	544	1,678	1,276	3,549	28	349	232	1,998	2,080	7,574
June Qr.	543	1,644	1,458	3,930	25	210	226	1,724	2,252	7,508
Sept. Qr.	354	1,041	1,091	3,122	23	177	249	2,145	1,717	6,485

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956 -										
March Qr.	737	2,657	32	91	915	2,156	-	-	1,684	4,904
June Qr.	797	2,781	16	53	972	2,280	1	2	1,786	5,116
Sept. Qr.	693	2,393	6	19	580	1,342	2	2	1,281	3,756

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,594	71,102	683,236	708,704
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,009,285	1,110,973	10,675,542	11,073,508
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	105,160	1,340,323	1,272,871

* Excludes premiums on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
Metropolitan Area	3063	2870	2970	2848	2680	2561	2626	2537
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3216	3070	3130	3017	2579	2502	2539	2473
Northam	3115	2928	2996	2910	2607	2511	2552	2496
Bunbury	3101	2981	3024	2927	2687	2581	2631	2550
Geraldton	3182	2990	3054	2940	2849	2702	2796	2668
Collie	3135	2987	3048	2949	2450	2374	2410	2349

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1955			1956		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	135,624	42,794	178,418	136,330	43,687	180,017
February	135,417	43,730	179,147	137,946	44,627	182,573
March	136,290	44,016	180,306	137,563	44,762	182,325
April	136,524	43,893	180,417	136,859	44,848	181,707
May	136,357	43,878	180,235	136,208	45,034	181,242
June	136,347	43,880	180,227	135,482	44,565	180,047
July	135,696	43,901	179,597	134,639	44,545	179,184
August	135,857	43,758	179,615	134,685	44,019	178,704
September	136,616	43,913	180,529	134,431	44,167	178,598
October	136,291	43,924	180,215			
November	136,970	44,401	181,371			
December	137,537	44,536	182,073			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
January	214	213	226	237	241
February	216	217	228	240	242
March	216	220	231	242	238
April	215	221	230	243	238
May	214	222	231	242	237
June	211	220	230	239	235
July	211	221	230	237	233
August	212	221	230	238	232
September	211	223	232	240	233
October	212	224	233	240	
November	213	227	234	242	
December	213	227	233	242	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1955, are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.	£. s. d.		£. s. d.
29/10/56	13.	5. 2	8. 12. 4	13.	2. 11	8. 10. 11	13.	2. 8	8. 10. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1956	1955	1956	1955
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	44,748	36,834	182,182	149,005
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	40,678	33,147	164,960	133,333

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1956	9,973	412	166,971	10,956
September, 1955	9,137	486	172,441	13,633
3 Months ended September, 1956	44,080	1,194	334,721	32,005
3 Months ended September, 1955	42,758	1,154	351,943	42,932

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956 -										
January	435	172	182	71	617	243	6	7	230	114
February	406	134	157	73	563	207	11	5	200	121
March	463	156	191	73	654	229	11	9	225	98
April	487	157	210	83	697	240	4	9	237	114
May	604	173	186	78	790	251	9	9	228	109
June	537	186	193	61	730	247	11	2	225	88
July *	556	187	172	72	728	259	3	3	213	104
August *	458	176	182	57	640	233	8	10	223	73
September	479	202	172	72	651	274	8	6	226	98
Total, 9 Months ended September	4,425	1,543	1,645	640	6,070	2,183	71	60	2,007	919

* Revised.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1956	1955	1956	1955
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	587	440	2,315	3,401
Bricks - Cement	'000	223	331	799	1,476
- Clay	'000	8,713	9,044	30,599	36,120
Enamels	gal.	4,556	8,901	22,892	36,597
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	110	193	408	794
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,092	2,088	7,788	8,820
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex-	gal.	20,652	20,531	70,242	70,379
cluding Water Paints	'000	478	764	1,847	3,403
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000 sup.ft.	(a)18,595	(a)21,083	(b)56,790	(b)60,689
Timber, Sawn					
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	561	546	2,398	2,989
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	-	7	578	3,146
Shirts (all types) Men's					
and Boys'	doz.	5,079	4,724	18,114	16,605
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	261	448	1,889	2,079
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	165	230	834	1,120
- 2 piece	no.	2,071	2,018	7,112	8,124
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	6,122	3,211	19,987	14,966
- Work	no.	14,749	10,838	61,744	35,503
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	32,920	29,272	126,949	117,129
Sandals	pair	26,872	18,827	86,375	55,800
Slippers	pair	38,697	31,446	141,743	121,226
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Ale, Beer and Stout	'000 gal.	1,601	1,433	4,929	5,067
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	807	721	2,392	2,426
Butter	'000 lb.	2,662	2,486	8,720	8,259
Cheese	'000 lb.	438	294	1,226	802
Confectionery (not					
chocolate)	'000 lb.	419	305	1,380	1,322
Jams	'000 lb.	26	34	221	282
Margarine	'000 lb.	115	118	562	486
Sauce - Tomato	pint	78,330	102,554	307,528	304,878
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	676	675	2,385	2,286
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	145	130	519	547
- Nitric	cwt.	64	28	226	116
- Sulphuric	ton	17,733	11,801	56,077	57,282
Coal	ton	83,705	82,250	322,744	339,948
Cycles, Pedal	no.	634	728	1,845	2,376
Gas Produced	million				
cu. ft.		129	132	532	533
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,403	1,776	8,388	7,659
- Woven Wire	no.	3,103	4,206	11,235	9,929
- Soft Filled	no.	3,141	3,030	12,039	13,259
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	58	67	170	250
Utilities (all types)	no.	-	24	5	75
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	24	39	81
Perambulators	no.	42	61	152	210
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	6,601	6,426	26,643	23,553
Superphosphate	ton	49,606	33,388	152,352	159,520
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,471	1,805	8,020	5,674

(a) September figures. October not available.

(b) Three months ended September.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total, Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
YEARS											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.4	9.9	18.4	15.4	26.5	11.2	7.8	6.1	29.0	151.7	55.8
QUARTERS											
March Qtr.											
1953	5.0	2.1	3.6	4.1	5.2	2.2	1.5	1.2	6.2	31.1	9.1
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.2
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.5	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.7	2.6	2.0	1.4	6.7	36.6	14.3
June Qtr.											
1953	5.3	2.1	3.5	3.3	6.7	2.5	1.4	1.3	6.3	32.4	9.8
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	12.0
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.8	2.6	4.4	3.5	7.2	2.8	1.5	1.4	7.0	37.2	12.2
Sept. Qtr.											
1953	5.4	2.2	3.5	3.3	6.1	2.4	1.5	1.5	6.8	32.7	10.4
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.4	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	6.9	36.3	13.5
Dec. Qtr.											
1953	5.8	2.2	3.8	4.2	7.6	2.8	2.1	1.6	8.4	38.5	11.4
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.7	2.4	4.7	4.2	7.9	3.1	2.5	1.7	8.4	41.6	15.8

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

